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EXECUTIVE ORDER

ORDERING TO ACTIVE DUTY PART OF THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE TOPOFF EXERCISE.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order ordering to active duty part of the Colorado National Guard for participation in the TOPOFF exercise.

1. Background and Need.

In order to enhance our ability to prevent and respond to chemical, biological and other terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction, Congress has approved and funded a program through the United States Department of Justice called TOPOFF. TOPOFF is designed to help state governments assess the response of top officials and their staffs to real time threats from weapons of mass destruction.

The State of Colorado will participate in the TOPOFF exercise to the maximum extent practical. The United States Department of Justice has provided funding through a grant to the State of Colorado for National Guard participation and pay. This order provides executive recognition of the available program and the State of Colorado's participation in the program to the greatest extent practicable.

2. Directive.

I hereby order the following:

A. The Colorado National Guard to State Active Duty with pay for the period and to the extent necessary for participation and completion of the TOPOFF exercise.

B. The Adjutant General of the State of Colorado to determine the number of individuals assigned to this duty, and supplies and equipment deployed and used in conjunction with the exercise.

3. Duration.

This Executive Order shall expire two (2) days after the conclusion of the TOPOFF exercise, unless otherwise extended or terminated by further executive order.

Given under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this twenty third
day of May, 2000.

Bill Owens
Governor